[Mr. J. John Kattakayam.]

മുടിയും പരിപഷ്ടിയും കാണിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുവാൻ കഴിയുന്നതാണ്. ഇപ്പോൾ അധഃപതിച്ചുകിടക്കുന്ന മരിചകൃഷിക്കും ഇതുപോലെതന്നെ കമുക് തെങ്ങ് ഇത്യാദിഫലവൃക്ഷങ്ങൾക്കും മറും പിടിപെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന രോഗത്തെ നിവാരണം ചെയ്യുന്നതിന് വിദഗ്ധനായ ഒരാളെ പരീക്ഷണാർത്ഥമായിട്ടെങ്കിലും എവിടെനിന്നെങ്കിലും വരുത്തി കൃഷിക്കാരുടെ സങ്കടത്തെ പരിഹരിക്കേണ്ടതു തലോം അത്യാസന്നമായിട്ടാണിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

The House adjourned for lunch at 1 P. M. and reassembled at 2 P. M., Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi, B. A., B. L., one of the panel of chairmen, presiding.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the rolls:—

Mr. C. O. Madhavan, B. A., B. L., Excise Commissioner.

Mr. R. Dhanukoti Pillai, B. A. (OXN.), Conservator of Forests.

VOTING OF D MANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd*).

DEMAND V—AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES—(*contd*).

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai: Sir, I also feel that there is very little to be said to the credit of this department. Agricultural demonstration farms were started in the State so early as in 1894 and the Agricultural Department was organized in 1908. But still we do not find any useful purpose being served by this department. The two most important agricultural products in this country are paddy and cocoanuts. In regard to the cultivation of paddy what we observe is that in spite of all the efforts put forth by this department, the country has not made any advance towards self-sufficiency. The agricultural demonstration farms conducted by this department are mere shows and are only means of spending public money for no tangible good or benefit to the ryots. At present, Sir, most of these agricultural demonstrations are being conducted in fields and gardens owned by influential officers and the relations and friends of some of the officers of the department. The poor ryots who have neither the necessary agricultural implements or other equipments, nor the means to possess them, find it rather unable to adopt the so-called scientific methods of cultivation demonstrated by this department at fabulous expense.

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